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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Shuji SASAKI  
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Appln. No.: 10/037,293

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: SETTLEMENT PROCESSING METHOD AND  
SETTLEMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM

Attorney Docket No: 9683/98

Examiner: ABDI, Kambiz

Art Unit: 3621

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Attached is/are:

9 Pages of Amendment, Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (in dup.), Check for \$120  
 Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

No additional fee is required.  
 Small Entity.  
 An extension fee in an amount of \$120 for a 1-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
 A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(\_\_\_\_).  
 An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Not a Small Entity	
				Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate
Total	18	Minus 20	0	x \$25=			x \$50=
Indep.	3	Minus 3	0	x 100=			x \$200=
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim				+\$180=			+\$360=
				Total	\$	Total	\$0

Fee payment:

A check in the amount of \$120 is enclosed.  
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.  
 Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. (Form PTO-2038 is attached).  
 The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Tadashi Horie  
Tadashi Horie (Reg. No. 40,437)

February 8, 2005

Date